

## ***Homes for Paws Dog Rescue Foster Agreement***

This agreement is between Homes for Paws Dog Rescue and \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter referred to as Foster Home. A Foster Home is defined as a temporary home for an animal to live in while he/she awaits a permanent adoption through Homes for Paws Dog Rescue. The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that all animals fostered with Homes for Paws Dog Rescue obtains the best care and treatment during his/her stay in the Foster Home.

### **The Foster Home agrees to the following terms:**

- To temporarily house and care for animal(s) belonging to Homes for Paws Dog Rescue acknowledging that Homes for Paws Dog Rescue is the sole and rightful owner of the foster animal(s).
- To treat all animals fostered from Homes for Paws Dog Rescue in a humane and loving way at all times, and to ensure that anyone else caring for or coming in contact with this animal will do the same.
- To provide any animal fostered from Homes for Paws Dog Rescue with any necessary medication or vet services approved by Homes for Paws Dog Rescue. Additional medications and/or treatments considered by Foster Home to be necessary must be discussed with Homes for Paws Dog Rescue prior to being given to the animal or prior to the animal being taken for veterinary care, Homes for Paws Dog Rescue will not be responsible for any veterinary expenses that have not been previously discussed. Foster Homes are responsible for medical expenses incurred as a result of their negligence. If the animal has a life-threatening emergency where Foster Home must act quickly, Foster Home must contact Homes for Paws Dog Rescue asap after ensuring that the animal is treated.
- To keep all animals fostered from Homes for Paws Dog Rescue clean, well-groomed and safe from harm.
- To feed a wholesome pet food, (generally supplied by Rescue) and have fresh water available at all times.
- To maintain the animal inside the premises of the Fosters Home, not outside, nor in a garage or shed, etc. The animal shall not be left outdoors alone when Foster parents are not around, nor shall it be left alone with any child under 12 yrs.
- To keep the animal on a leash when the animal is outdoors, unless the animal is in a securely fenced area or securely fenced yard. The animal may not be left alone if the Foster Home is not providing supervision. If the animal gets lost, Foster Home must contact Homes for Paws Dog Rescue immediately.

### **The Foster Home also understands that the following terms apply:**

- Homes for Paws Dog Rescue will make all serious decisions regarding the animal's welfare, eg obedience training or method of discipline.
- Homes for Paws Dog Rescue is not responsible for any damage caused by the fostered animal while in foster care – specifically, Homes for Paws Dog Rescue assumes no liability for any damage to persons or property caused by the foster dog when in the care of the Foster Home.
- All resident animals in the Foster Home must be UTD on their annual vaccination. These include Rabies, Bordetella and DA2PPV (or other combination of distemper, parvo virus vaccination etc).
- Foster families understand that even if their animals are fully vaccinated, they may be exposed to viruses and parasites with the introduction of their Foster Dog into their home. All Homes for Paws Dog Rescues foster dogs undergo a thorough veterinary examination upon entry into the rescue, but we cannot guarantee they have not been exposed to the above mentioned.

- That if Foster Home decides to adopt this animal permanently, foster parent must notify Homes for Paws Dog Rescue prior to home visits from other potential adopters. Although Homes for Paws Dog Rescue gives preference to foster homes in adoptions, it is not a certainty and Foster Home should not expect to automatically adopt the foster animal.
- That the care of this animal is not transferable. Foster Home agrees that, if for any reason, it is unable to continue to house and care for the animal, Homes for Paws Dog Rescue must be given 48 hours notice and Foster Home must make arrangements to return the animal to Homes for Paws Dog Rescue. Foster Home agrees that when asked to return the animal, it will do so within 48 hours of being asked. If Foster Home is unavailable at the time the animal is needed, Foster Home agrees to make the animal available for pick up within that 48-hour period.
- Should the Foster Home refuse to relinquish the foster animal(s), for any reason, to Homes for Paws Dog Rescue within the guidelines or timelines set out, a \$2500 penalty will be incurred by the Foster Family and the dog will be returned to Homes For Paws Dog Rescue ASAP.
- That it is often the foster parents' job to determine or assess the temperament of the animal they are fostering. Foster Home understands that Homes for Paws Dog Rescue has no way of knowing the history or temperament of many of the animals coming into its rescue program. Therefore, Foster Home agrees to use due caution when handling the foster animal. Foster Home is fully aware that any animal may bite if provoked. Foster Home agrees to never allow any stranger or child to be near this animal until this animal is trusted, and to never allow anyone to threaten, squeeze, poke, step on, or otherwise pose a perceived threat to this animal. If Foster Home determines the animal to be a biter, or a bite risk, it is to contact Homes for Paws Dog Rescue immediately for instructions.
- That a representative of Homes for Paws Dog Rescue may visit the home at any time to check on the wellbeing of this animal.
- That Homes for Paws Dog Rescue cannot predict specifically how long an animal will stay in foster care but will endeavor to find a permanent home asap. Foster Home agrees to care for the animal as long as fostering is needed.

**I have read and understand this agreement and agree to all the above terms.**

Signature of Foster Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_